

Re: Summary of FPT discussion Feb 13, 2022

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On Feb 13, 2022, at 6:59 PM, Dakalbab, Talal <Talal.Dakalbab@ps-sp.gc.ca> wrote:

Hello Rob,

Below is a quick read out from a meeting Kevin Brosseau and I had today with PT colleagues from AB-MB-ON and RCMP to discuss in a small group (Federal and the three provinces that are the most impacted by blockades) the work we are advancing to ensure a clear escalation protocol is in place to remove trucks blocking roads and bridges.

Trevor: please let me know your thoughts on the highlighted item.

- TC and PS discussed the evolving trucker convoy situation.
- Federal goal is to assist local operations by ensuring that federal tools/levers are available to local law enforcement and jurisdictions.
- Provincial feedback was sought on potential avenues for federal support, including an escalating towing plan - starting with divers being instructed to remove truck, finding commercial or government qualified drivers to move vehicles, incentivizing or compelling commercial towing to move vehicles, storage options, and finally disabling/dismantling trucks and removing debris.
- **Ontario** shared their recent emergency order that prohibits interference with critical infrastructure (highways, airports, ports/infrastructure of entry, vaccine clinics, utilities, railways, etc) that impact public safety and the economy. Penalties include fines and imprisonment. Related, the Ministry of Transportation has process to suspend and revoke licenses with no right to be heard prior to revocation or appeal process.
- To date, Ontario has found these measures to be very effective.
- **Alberta** is review Ontario's approach. Biggest operational challenge to date is procuring towing/wrecking equipment and skilled workers to operate the equipment (e.g. hook ups).

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s.38 this part of the request is news to us and we committed to follow up on this specific point).

- Alberta Premier did discuss protests with Governor and possible support, but to date no support.
- **Manitoba** noted that protestors arrived unorganized with no identifiable leadership, but leadership emerged days later. Police appear to have situation in hand and have managed flow of traffic effectively to avoid encampments, road blockages.
- State of emergency could be considered only if current police tools/authorities were to become ineffective.
- Social media rhetoric from the east appears to be fueling protestors in Manitoba. Border measures appear to be key points of malcontent. Interested if these measure will be topic of conversation with US.

Interesting to highlight that the reality of Manitoba is quite different from Coutts or Ottawa. It is important to bear in mind that protests across the country are not all the same and a one size fits all solution is not necessarily the best way to resolve this situation.

I will share this with PCO ADMs for their awareness.

Talal